



## Freedom of Information Request

**REQUEST NUMBER:** HC/02173/08

**KEYWORD:** Operational Policing

**REQUEST:**

- On how many occasions have firearms officers attended incidents of a dangerous/out of control dog/dog attack from May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008?

Please include a breakdown of details including the date and location of the incident, the type/breed of the dog and any action taken, such as an arrest (please include age of suspect) or discharge of weapons including Taser on the dog.

### **RESPONSE BY HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY:**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

In order to comply with your request, an extensive manual review would need to be conducted on the Incident Recording System, Altaris. Dog attacks can be recorded under a number of categories from animal incident to public order incident to assault. In order to establish if firearms officers have attended such an incident a manual review would need to be conducted under each of the headings listed to see if any of the incidents involved a dog. Not only would this process be extremely time-consuming, but there would be no guarantee of accuracy

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of this part of your request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, choosing a more refined date period such as one day for a specific OCU, thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.

In order to assist you, I can advise you that the Tactical Firearms Unit has informed us that Taser has never been used on a dog.

Information relating to the seizure of dangerous dogs has been released previously under FOI and this information is available on the FOI Disclosure Log published on the Hampshire Constabulary website at the following link:

[http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/rightinfo/foi/informationclasses/log08/crime\\_stats.htm](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/rightinfo/foi/informationclasses/log08/crime_stats.htm)

The information in question can be located under numbers HC/01198/08 & HC/01698/08